

FISCAL NOTE FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS ONLY

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Legislation Title:

AN ORDINANCE relating to the Department of Transportation's Hazard Mitigation Program; authorizing the Director to acquire, accept, and record on behalf of the City of Seattle, a permanent easement from Dan J. Del Duca and Mary Frances Del Duca, husband and wife, located in a portion of Lots 1 and 2, Block 35, Rainier Beach, for the purpose of slope stabilization along a portion of Rainier Avenue South; placing the real property rights under the jurisdiction of the Seattle Department of Transportation; and ratifying and confirming prior acts.

Summary and background of the Legislation:

This legislation authorizes the acquisition, acceptance, and recording of a permanent easement granted to the City of Seattle by private property owners in connection with the landslide mitigation work in the 9700 block of Rainier Avenue South as part of the Seattle Department of Transportation's ("SDOT") Hazard Mitigation Program, Landslide Mitigation Projects, and places the easement under the jurisdiction of SDOT.

On the evening of April 7, 2013, a segment of Rainier Avenue South was closed between 57th Avenue South and Cornell Avenue South as a result of a landslide that blocked a portion of the street. The landslide debris was subsequently cleared by SDOT and on April 8, 2013, the City re-channelized traffic between South Perry Street and South Norfolk Street to respond to public safety concerns in the event of more occurrences. This traffic detour is currently in operation and is inconveniencing the local residents due to the increase of traffic control devices, rerouting, and the loss of parking in the area.

According to City records, this segment of Rainier Avenue South has historically experienced many landslides indicating that there is a high probability of reoccurrence. The cost outlay to build a permanent retaining wall is intended to reduce the risk of future landslides in the area and save City resources in the long term.

Project Name:	Project I.D.:	Project Location:	Start Date:	End Date:
Hazard Mitigation Program-Landslide Mitigation Projects	TC365510	Various	Ongoing	Ongoing

Please check any of the following that apply:

☐ **This legislation creates, funds, or anticipates a new CIP Project.**

☒ **This legislation does not have any financial implications.**

Other Implications:

a) Does the legislation have indirect financial implications, or long-term implications?

Yes. The property owners granted the easement in consideration of mutual and offsetting benefits. Therefore, no monetary compensation was paid. However, the wall would be considered to be another asset that the City is responsible to maintain and will be included in a list of similar assets scheduled for regular maintenance by the City.

b) What is the financial cost of not implementing the legislation?

Historically, this segment along Rainier Avenue South has experienced many landslides. When landslides occur, the City must respond to ensure public safety and mitigate further damages. The cost outlay to build the retaining wall is intended to reduce the risk of additional damages and unforeseen costs to the City that could result from future landslides in this area.

c) Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?

No.

d) What are the possible alternatives to the legislation that could achieve the same or similar objectives?

Other alternatives were considered; however, there are no other cost-effective construction options available that would manage the risk associated with the potential future landslides along this portion of Rainier Avenue South.

e) Is a public hearing required for this legislation?

No.

f) Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?

No.

g) Does this legislation affect a piece of property?

Yes, private property owners are granting an easement to the City to complete and maintain the project.

h) Other Issues:

None.

List attachments to the fiscal note below:

Attachment A: Rainier Avenue South Retaining Wall Easement Map